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For: DIGITAL CAMERA WITH AN AUTOMATIC IMAGE TRANSMISSION  
FUNCTION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

11. (Amended) The digital camera as claimed in claim 1, wherein said transmission control unit includes a transmission addressee registration section for registering a phone number of an addressee for transmitting said photo images.

17. (Amended) The digital camera as claimed in claim 1, wherein the digital camera automatically transmits said photo images when a wireless communication means is communicable.

18. (Amended) The digital camera as claimed in claim 1, wherein the digital camera suspends transmitting said photo images if a photography operation is started while transmitting said photo images, and restarts transmitting said suspended photo images after said photography operation is finished.

19. (Amended) The digital camera as claimed in claim 1, wherein the digital camera has a plurality of said transmission allowance conditions, and said transmission allowance conditions are selectable.

24. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 23, wherein said judging notifies a user of a period of time to an end of said predetermined time range, based on said obtained time.

29. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 20, further comprising:

registering a phone number of an addressee for transmitting said photo images.

36. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 20, further comprising:

obtaining information whether or not a wireless communication means is communicable; and

automatically transmitting said photo images when a wireless communication means is communicable.

37. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 20, further comprising:

suspending transmitting of said photo images if a photography operation is started while transmitting said photo images and restarting transmitting said suspended photo images after said photography operation is finished.

38. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 20, wherein said judging is based on a plurality of conditions.

**REMARKS**

The amendment to the claims is merely to delete multiple dependencies and to place the application into better form for examination. Entry of the present amendment and favorable action on the above-identified application are earnestly solicited.


Attached hereto is a marked-up copy of the changes made to the application by this Amendment.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: Version with Markings Showing Changes Made

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

The claims have been amended as follows:

11. (Amended) The digital camera as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 10]claim 1, wherein said transmission control unit includes a transmission addressee registration section for registering a phone number of an addressee for transmitting said photo images.

17. (Amended) The digital camera as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 16]claim 1, wherein the digital camera automatically transmits said photo images when a wireless communication means is communicable.

18. (Amended) The digital camera as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 17]claim 1, wherein the digital camera suspends transmitting said photo images if a photography operation is started while transmitting said photo images, and restarts transmitting said suspended photo images after said photography operation is finished.

19. (Amended) The digital camera as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 18]claim 1, wherein the digital camera has a plurality of said transmission allowance conditions, and said transmission allowance conditions are selectable.

24. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim\_23, wherein said judging notifies a user of a period of time to an end of said predetermined time range, based on said obtained time.

29. (Amended) The method as claimed in [any one of claims 20 to 28]claim 20, further comprising:

registering a phone number of an addressee for transmitting said photo images.

36. (Amended) The method as claimed in [any one of claims 20 to 35]claim 20, further comprising:

obtaining information whether or not a wireless communication means is communicable; and

automatically transmitting said photo images when a wireless communication means is communicable.

37. (Amended) The method as claimed in [any one of claims 20 to 36]claim 20, further comprising:

suspending transmitting of said photo images if a photography operation is started while transmitting said photo images and restarting transmitting said suspended photo images after said photography operation is finished.

38. (Amended) The method as claimed in [any one of claims 20 to 37]claim 20, wherein said judging is based on a plurality of conditions.